

SENATE BILL 2224
By Cohen

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 4, Part 9, relative to postsecondary
financial assistance from net lottery proceeds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-921(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (3) in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 49-4-9__.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of this part to the contrary, a student who is eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship upon graduation from high school, completion of high school in a Tennessee home school, or obtaining a GED, but, instead of applying for a Tennessee HOPE Scholarship, applies to and enrolls in a Tennessee technology center and receives a Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grant, shall continue to be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship; provided, that the student:

(1) Applies for the Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grant and enrolls in a Tennessee technology center within the same time period that is applicable to the student for application and enrollment in an eligible postsecondary institution and receipt of a Tennessee HOPE scholarship;

(2) Applies for a HOPE scholarship and enrolls in an eligible postsecondary institution within two (2) years of receipt of the Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grant;

(3) Is not ineligible for a HOPE scholarship under § 49-4-904; and

(4) Meets the requirements of § 49-4-905(a).

(b) The provisions of this section shall also apply to students who are eligible for General Assembly Merit Scholarships and Tennessee HOPE access grants.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.